Transportation of Goods.

1987. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shift in the movement of goods traffic from Railways to road transport during the last decade, and whether this trend is persistent; and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the revenue-earning goods traffic carried by the Railways in different zones/divisions and the percentage of variation, year-wise since 1986 and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the passenger traffic in different zones/divisions, with percentage of variation, year-wise since 1986 and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Although Railways continue to be principal mode of transport, yet there is shift of traffic in favour of road transport over the year. The details are given below:-

Land Freight Traffic

(Billion Tonne KM)

Year	*Rail. Movement*	*Percentage.*	*Road. Movement.*	*Percentage*
1980	156	65.0	84	35.0
1985	182	53.0	161	47.0
1987	223	52.0	210	48.0

(Data of road movement is not available for the subsequent years)

(b) and (c). Details of revenue earning goods traffic and passengers carried in different zones and percentage variation over the previous year are given below:

Revenue earning goods traffic

(In thousand tonnes)

Railways	*1985-86*	*Percentage variation*	*1986-87*	*Percentage. variation*	*1987-88*	*Percentage variation*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*
Central	69,894	7.15	78,159	11.83	80,371	2.83
Eastern.	74,540	11.54	82,140	10.20	86,602	5.43
Northern.	88,012	15.05	78,240	15.04	80,148	2.44
N.E.	11,094	25.88	12,544	13.07	12,729	1.47
N.F.	8,941	22.83	9,886	10.57	11,096	12.24
Southern	31,389	10.84	31,769	1.21	32,112	1.08
S.C	43,183	12.17	45,586	5.56	46.285	1.53
S.E.	1,02.383	6.75	1,10,134	7.57	1,18,403	7.51
Western.	46,374	7.65	50,721	9.37	52,710	3.92

Revenue earning goods traffic

(In thousand tonnes)

Railways	*1988-89*	*Percentage variation*	*1989-90*	*Percentage. variation*	*1990-91*	*Percentage variation*
1	*8*	*9*	*10*	*11*	*12*	*13*
Central	80,448	0.10	84,685	5.27	87,759	3.63
Eastern.	90,521	4.53	88,137	-2.62	87,444	-0.79
Northern.	80,273	0.16	82,373	2.62	81,602	-0.94
N.E.	12,743	0.11	13,302	4.39	13,519	1.63
N.F.	11,028	-0.61	11,203	1.59	11,162	-0.37
Southern	34,934	8.79	34,648	-0.82	37,653	8.67
S.C.	48,396	4.56	51,621	6.66	53,216	3.09
S.E.	1,24,377	5.05	1,30,655	5.05	1,32,668	1.54
Western.	52,070	-1.21	55,146	5.91	56,120	1.77

(In thousand tonnes)

Railways	1985-86	Percentage variation	1986-87	Percentage. variation	1987-88	Percentage variation
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Number of passengers carried (In thousands)			
Central.	967,358	3.14	997,588	3.13	1,076,344	7.89
Eastern.	464,249	2.60	504,733	8.72	542,637	7.51
Northern.	397,329	8.76	420,377	5.83	430,489	2.41
N.E.	195,476	3.32	202,877	3.79	216,269	6.60
N.F.	33,085	4.26	35,181	6.34	32,028	-8.96
Southern.	289,913	1.47	303,308	4.62	315,120	3.89
S.C.	173,082	3.55	176,835	2.17	184,854	4.53
S.F.	167,804	2.60	177,950	6.05	191,851	7.81
Western.	1,062,765	0.45	1,091,946	2.75	1,142,829	4.66

(In thousand tonnes)

Railways	1988-89	Percentage variation	1989-90	Percentage. variation	1990-91	Percentage variation
1	8	9	10	11	12	13
Central	1,008,718	-6.28	1,058,402	4.93	1,148,686	8.53
Eastern.	502,386	-7.42	528,352	5.17	561,383	6.25
Northern.	412,868	-4.89	443,212	7.35	438,769	-1.00
N.E	193,607	-10.48	198,271	2.41	198,992	0.36
N.F.	29,822	-6.89	32,090	7.61	31,887	-0.63
Southern.	290,878	-7.69	303,732	4.42	328,633	8.20
S.C.	164,330	-11.10	156,546	-4.74	164,936	5.36
S.E.	166,609	-13.16	169,096	1.49	172,822	2.20
Western.	1,100,537	-3.70	1,145,014	4.04	1,236,338	7.98

There has been an increasing Frend in freight and passenger traffic except in 1988-89 when there was adecline in short-distance passenger traffic even though earnings increased.